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Jean Monnet, en route from Luxembourg to London, came in to say goodbye. A truly remarkable man, the most original political philosopher of his times. His great concept of making Europe has been checked in part by Mendès, Massigli, Jebb and others, including some supporters who lack stout hearts, but its vitality persists. If, as I fervently hope, the London-Paris accords are finally ratified, they will prove to be a distinct second-best to what would have been achieved if the true European route had been chosen.

Went to the Embassy residence to see Livie Merchant and urge separate U. S. representation to the Coal and Steel Community, even if it were necessary for our representative to wear as another hat that of USRO. I proposed Jock Whitney for consideration in this connection. Pending a final decision, Tommy will act in my stead: I have discussed this with Randy Burgess and, from the Treasury standpoint, he is agreeable to it. Tommy is by far the most capable man for the position, but the State Department will not accept him.

This evening a variety of friends, including the Dillons, came in to say goodbye. TWA telephoned to announce a change in tomorrow's flight. Since a control tower strike is scheduled for noon, our Ambassador flight, fixed for 7:00 p.m., will be advanced to 11:00 a.m. All hands devoted themselves tonight to packing. Odette arrived about nine, and I gave her my remaining French money to settle with the servants, give them Christmas presents, care for bills at Versailles, etc. She is a wonderful and stalwart friend.

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